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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the message dated 23 July 1995 addressed to you by Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the question of Tajikistan.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 23 July 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

Despite all efforts to settle the question of Tajikistan, disturbing events along the borders and inside Tajikistan were witnessed during the last month. This situation created a stalemate in the process of the crisis settlement. Therefore, it became imperative, in my view, to create an atmosphere where the stalemate could be overcome.

I now have the honour happily to inform you that, during the visit of H.E. Mr. Imam Ali Rahmanov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, to Iran, a round of negotiations was held between the President and H.E. Seyed Abdullah Nouri, leader of the opposition groups, on 19 July 1995 in Tehran. As a result, a declaration was signed, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Hashemi Rafsanjani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, between the two sides. In this declaration, both sides expressed concern about non-implementation of the understandings reached during the inter-Tajik peace talks and agreed on terms of their efforts to adopt practical steps for implementing those understandings.

One of the most important issues upon which the President and leader of the opposition groups agreed was to establish a Consultative Assembly of Tajik Peoples to facilitate finding a solution to the political and social crises in Tajikistan. The Government and the opposition will be equally represented in this Assembly. The date and venue of the Assembly will be determined at the fifth round of the inter-Tajik peace talks. The declaration provides for the fifth round of inter-Tajik peace talks to be held sometime between 1 and 10 August 1995. The extension of cease-fire agreement signed in Tehran last year will also be on the agenda of the fifth round of the peace talks.

Moreover, the two leaders underscored the important role of the United Nations and other observer countries in the process of the settlement of the Tajikistan crisis.

I am glad to inform you that the signing of this document has created another turning-point in the inter-Tajik peace talks and has provided the necessary foundation and bases for peaceful settlement of Tajikistan crisis. Hence, the atmosphere is now more suited to further efforts of your Representative in expediting the process of establishing peace in Tajikistan. The Islamic Republic of Iran remains ready to help the mission of the United Nations. We hope, by the help of God and with the cooperation of the United Nations and observer countries, to witness tranquillity and the beginning of reconstruction in Tajikistan.